

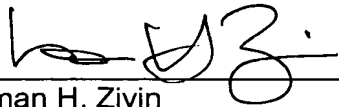
REMARKS

Claims 1-17 in the PCT application have been cancelled and claims 18-33 submitted, to eliminate multiple dependent claims.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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